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BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE

The Discussion of Interesting Set Topics.

Election of Officers—H. G. Avery, of Norfolk, For Second Vice-President—Many Prominent Delegates in Attendance.

Charlottesville, Va., March 16.—While the attendance on the convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of Virginia has been very large, certainly as far as visitors to the various sessions are concerned, it cannot be denied that the very inclement weather has detracted seriously from the pleasure of the occasion. It has rained incessantly. Another disappointment was the absence of the Hon. William L. Wilson, president of Washington and Lee University. His address on "Christian Citizenship" had been looked forward to with great interest. There was much in the way of compensation, however. The address of the Rev. Dr. E. E. Chivers, of Chicago, the general secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union of America, won the highest praise. His subject was "Spiritual Dynamics," and in his remarks he took the ground that organization weakened the individual by inducing him to rely upon collected effort. The address of the Rev. M. Ashby Jones on "A Symmetrical Christian" took the place of Mr. Wilson's expected discourse, and Mr. Jones fully met the high expectations of those who have learned to expect much of him.

While, as far as the vision was concerned, there was no sunrise this morning, the hour at which the sun arose behind the clouds witnessed the assembling of the diligent among the young Baptists for the sunrise prayer meeting, which was conducted by the Rev. J. J. Harte, of Petersburg.

DISCUSSION OF TOPICS.

The morning session was called to order at 9:30, and after a Bible reading the discussion of set topics was resumed. C. H. Shipman, of West Virginia, who was to have discussed the topic, "How to Keep a Union Going," is not in attendance on the convention, and his place was taken by J. Calvin Moss, of Lynchburg. Prof. E. C. James, of Chase City, spoke on "How to Organize a Young People's Union." Mr. William Ellyson, of Richmond, on "State Missions;" Dr. J. M. Pilcher, of Petersburg, on "Sunday School and Bible Reading;" Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, of Richmond, on "The Education Board;" and the Rev. G. H. Hodge, of Richmond, on "The Orphanage." There were other stated topics, among them "The Pastor and His Young People," discussed by the Rev. T. S. Dunaway, Jr., of Accomac, and some to which there was no formal assignment of leaders, and which were discussed at will and quite informally. The topics in the afternoon were "Baptist Beginnings in Virginia," by the Rev. Dr. G. W. Beale, of Heathsville; "Baptists and Baptism," by the Rev. James B. Taylor, of Richmond; "The Church in the Rev. B. Cabell Henning, of the same city; "Baptists and Communion," by the Rev. Frank B. Beale, of Tappahannock; "Baptists and Religious Liberty," by the Rev. Dr. C. P. James, of Danville; "Baptists, Called by Their Principles to Be the Best People in the World," by Prof. John Pollard, of Richmond.

The final session occurred this evening. It was opened with a patriotic prayer service conducted by Hill Montague, of Richmond, during which the entire audience sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee." An interesting address followed, by the Rev. Dr. P. T. Hale, of Roanoke, on "The Layman—What Is He Good For?"

During the convention Professor F. W. Boatwright, president of Richmond College, made an interesting address in the interest of that institution.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, John Garland Pollard, of Richmond; First Vice-President, H. G. Avery, of Norfolk; Second Vice-President, M. C. Thomas, of Charlottesville; Third Vice-President, J. Calvin Moss, of Lynchburg; Secretary, E. L. Butler, of Richmond; Treasurer, W. D. Duke, of Richmond; State Board of Managers—S. B. Woodfin, Hill Montague, G. F. Bagby, R. C. Harris, A. W. Patterson, R. M. Smith, T. C. Skinner, R. H. Bowden, T. S. C. James, J. D. George W. Cone, E. C. James, J. D. Harte, J. B. Cook, and F. K. Tyler.

PROMINENT DELEGATES.

Among the prominent delegates present are the Rev. E. E. Chivers, D. D., of Chicago, general secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union of America; Prof. F. W. Boatwright, of Richmond College; Judge W. R. Barksdale, of Houston, Va.; Professor John Pollard, of Richmond College; Dr. T. B. Thames, of Danville; the Rev. L. R. Thornhill, of Manchester; the Rev. M. L. Wood, of Stanton; the Rev. J. B. Taylor, of Richmond; the Rev. C. J. Thompson, of Lynchburg; F. H. Caldwell, of Richmond; the Rev. T. S. Dunaway, Jr., of Accomac; Dr. A. E. Dickinson, of the Religious Herald, of Richmond; the Rev. F. P. Robertson, of Lynchburg; the Rev. T. J. Shipman, of Roanoke; the Rev. George Braxton Taylor, of West Appomattox; the Rev. David A. Soley, of Roanoke; the Rev. J. M. Street, of Bedford; the Rev. R. H. Pitt, of Richmond; the Rev. James Pilcher, of Petersburg; the Rev. M. Ashby Jones, of Richmond; the Rev. F. B. Beale, of Tappahannock; the Rev. H. T. Louthan, of Richmond; the Rev. R. E. Aylor, of Front Royal; the Rev. H. G. Ferguson, of Waynesboro; the Rev. George J. Hobbay, of Salem; Dr. P. T. Hale, of Roanoke; the Rev. T. A. Hall, of Lexington; S. Noel C. Clifton, of Washington, Va.; the Rev. George W. Beale, of Heathsville; the Rev. P. T. Brown, of Homeland, Va.; the Rev. Robert H. Bowden, of West Point; J. Calvin Moss, of Lynchburg; J. Garland Pollard, F. L. Butler, R. B. McCurdy, William Ellyson and J. T. Ellyson, of Richmond.

NOTABLE SPEECHES.

In summarizing it may be said that the address of the Rev. Ashby Jones was one of the best of the convention, and led up very fittingly to the consecration service with which the sessions always close. Mr. Jones was to have spoken last night, but was detained. Another notable speech to-night was that of Rev. Dr. P. T. Hale, of Roanoke, on "The Layman, and What He Is Good For."

BIG MEETING IN JULY.

The attendance upon this convention was, perhaps, not more than half as large as that on the 1897 meeting in Norfolk, by reason of the weather and quarantine, but the spirit of the proceedings throughout was excellent, the speeches were exceptionally good, and the music, led by a large choir of twenty voices, was exceptionally fine.

THE NEXT CONVENTION.

Dr. Chivers, the general secretary of the international organization, said the convention was in many respects one of the best he had ever attended. Dr. Chivers left for the West to-night, but will return to Richmond April 6th, to plan for the big meeting there in July. There was a heavy rain throughout the morning, but the sun came out in the evening, and the stars shone brightly at night. This helped to make the last two services especially bright, and there were great crowds.

NEWPORT NEWS

Fruitless Search For Escaped Murderer Drayton.

Another Big Development Scheme—Arrest of Sid Kelley, Wanted in Kentucky, and Shakespearean Recitor Leach, at Williamsburg.

Newport News, Va., March 16.—Chief of Police Boatwright, of the Bloodfield police force, and Deputy Sheriff Phillips, of the county, returned to the city this morning after spending two days in the vicinity of Toano searching for the alleged murderer Andrew Drayton, who escaped from the pest house with a bad case of smallpox.

THE MAN TRACED TO ELOW'S STATION.

The man was traced to Elow's Station, where he asked for chloroform to relieve pain. He was very weak, it is said, and was covered with pustules. From there he went to Toano. He was examined by a physician there, who ordered him to turn back. Drayton spent the night in a house and was seen leaving it the following morning. The house was burned by the Toano people. On Monday the fugitive was seen on the Taylor farm and there all trace of him ended.

BIG DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

It is stated on what seems to be good authority that the King Mill Farm, on James river, has been purchased by a syndicate composed largely of Newport News parties, who propose to make it an attractive resort, where residences can be obtained at moderate rates.

TWO IMPORTANT ARRESTS.

Sid Kelley is under arrest here, and will be held for the authorities of Lexington, Ky. Kelley's employer heard that a warrant was out for the man's arrest, and this morning delivered him up to the police. Kelley is wanted for felonious shooting. He says that he did not hit his man, and consents to go back without requisition papers.

J. T. Leach, the Shakespearean Recitor, whom the local police have been requested to detain for the Williamsburg authorities, was arrested this morning at his boarding house, The Brazzelle, No. 27 Twenty-ninth street.

He will be held for the Williamsburg police, who want him on the charge of passing a worthless check.

THE SENATORS ARRIVE.

The Washington Baseball Club, with Manager Arthur Irwin in charge, arrived at Old Point this morning at 6:30 o'clock from the National Capital. In the party are fourteen Senators, and it is understood that several others will join the team here.

THE PLAYERS BOARDED AN ELECTRIC CAR FOR PHOEBUS, AND PUT UP AT CLARK'S INN, WHICH WILL BE THEIR HEADQUARTERS DURING THE PRELIMINARY PRACTICE SEASON.

The club will practice daily on the grounds at the National Soldiers' Home and an opportunity will be given to see a number of good games here, as several National League clubs will visit the Senators.

BRIEF MENTION.

It is learned from trustworthy sources that the Winston Brothers, of Chicago, who, early last year, bought the four Low lots on Washington avenue for a theatre site, will build a block of four

or five business houses on the same property. The British steamship Alsoum sailed this morning for La Platte, Argentine Republic, having aboard 4,000 tons of government coal. The ship goes there for orders, and after reaching that place will be directed to her final destination. The new colored opera house at the corner of Madison avenue and Twenty-third street will be open on Friday night of next week. A vaudeville entertainment has been arranged as the opening attraction.

THE OLD DOMINION

Brief Items of Interest Picked Up Here and There.

Mrs. C. J. Wise, while visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. W. Corner, in Staunton, died Sunday.

The United States grand jury at Lynchburg has indicted Peter Barber, of Charlottesville, for robbing the mails.

Cards are out announcing the marriage on Wednesday evening, March 23rd, 1899, at the Presbyterian Church in Abingdon, of Miss Sara Thomas Kreger to Mr. Charles Lee Bickley.

Captain Wm. Bryant, the wealthiest citizen of Grayson county, is dead. He was greatly beloved for his goodness to the poor.

Mr. James M. Kenner, of Northumberland county, died in the University of Maryland Hospital, Baltimore, Sunday. The body was brought home for interment.

Mr. James P. Harrison, a lawyer of Danville, a member of the firm of Berkeley & Harrison, is a candidate for the position of professor of law at the University of Virginia, made vacant by the death of Prof. Walter D. Dabney.

Several sales of land in the vicinity of Emporia have recently been made to Northern settlers, the prices paid being very satisfactory. Two hundred acres, a part of a farm four miles southeast of Emporia, without improvements, was sold the past week for \$1,800.

Mr. Charles Broadway Rouss, the New York millionaire, will erect in his lot, in Mount Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, a mausoleum, to cost \$50,000. It will be a model of Grant's tomb in Riverside Drive, New York, and will be the most costly memorial in the South.

Major MacLennan, chief of the warrant division of the Treasury Department, says that the warrants for the amounts due the Governors of Virginia and other States for aiding in preparing for the war with Spain, will be forwarded at an early date. Virginia only has in one claim from the Governor and that is a little less than \$2,000.

General G. C. Wharton, who represented Montgomery county in the last Legislature, has announced himself a candidate for the Senate for the district composed of Montgomery, Craig and Roanoke counties and Roanoke city.

Judge Nicol, in the Alexandria Circuit Court, Wednesday afternoon set aside the conviction and sentence for ten years of Lee Gaskins, for an attempt to throw an Arlington train from the track. He held the indictment defective.

Teachers of Lynchburg have organized an association, to be known as the Lynchburg Teachers' Club, the object of which is the professional improvement of the members and the advancement of educational interests.

At Horton Wednesday John Brady, commissary clerk, fatally shot a man named Smith.

The large brick residence of Mr. Jno. G. White, of Abingdon, was destroyed Sunday night by fire. It was the handsomest and most elegant home in the town.

Considerable real estate in Alexandria has changed hands within the past month, and real estate dealers report the market extremely active.

There have been several mysterious fires in the Lebanon neighborhood of Orange county recently and the people are on the lookout for incendiaries.

The work on the new Mary Washington Hospital at Fredericksburg is progressing well. The foundation is nearly completed and the corner-stone will be laid soon with imposing Masonic ceremonies.

A large animal, resembling a panther, has been terrorizing residents of the village of Deep Creek, near the edge of great Dismal Swamp, for some time. Dogs and other small animals have fallen victims to the animal, which has been seen and shot at by residents, who followed it far back into the swamp, tracing it by a trail of blood. A party is being organized to exterminate the pest.

WEST VIRGINIA CERTIFICATES.

LAW SLIPPED THROUGH CONGRESS TO AFFECT THEM.

Charleston, W. Va., March 16.—Information has been received here that Wall street parties managing a pool in opposition to Col. R. P. Chew's proposition to settle the West Virginia certificates representing its alleged portion of the Virginia debt slipped through Congress a law directing the Secretary of the Treasury to bring suit on the Virginia bonds purchased before the war by the Government as trustee for certain Indiana. It is said that only one Representative from the Virginia was privy to this law, and he is a Republican. It is further said to be an effort to deter depositing the certificates with Colonel Chew's committee, and will doubtless foster temporary speculation on the certificates. It seems that Wall street brokers are unable to comprehend that should the government obtain judgment on these particular bonds it could not by any possibility benefit any owner of the certificates. It is said that the Wall street syndicate, which has been so often defeated at Charleston and Richmond, have established confidential relations with a prominent West Virginia Republican politician, and thereby procured the passage of this law, which escaped publicity by tacking it as a rider to one of the appropriation bills.

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